

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 9-12, 14-17 and 26-29 are currently pending in the application; with claims 1 and 5 being independent. Claims 5 and 15-17 have been amended. Claim 18 has been canceled. Claims 1, 5, 9-12, 14-18 and 26-29 were pending prior to the Office Action.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration thereof in light of the amendments and comments contained herein, and earnestly seek timely allowance of the pending claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for insufficient antecedent basis for the limitations “different sensors” and “adjacent sensors” in the claim. The Examiner also rejected claims 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner stated that it is unclear to which sensor or sensors the recitation “said sensor” refers to.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant has amended claim 5 to recite “wherein said conducting shield of said piezoelectric resonator sensor is not interconnected with conducting shields of different sensors, and flow tubes interconnect said piezoelectric resonator sensor to adjacent sensors, and each of said flow tubes is not shielded”. Applicant has also amended claims 15-17 to recite “said piezoelectric resonator sensor”. Claim 18 has been canceled.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 5 and 15-17.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 9-12 and 26-29 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

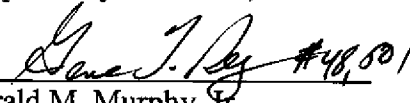
In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application appears to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is, therefore, requested pass the claims to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Corina E. Tanasa, Limited Recognition No. L0292 under 37 CFR §11.9(b), at telephone number (703) 208-4003, located in the Washington, DC area, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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